AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of foreign nationals presently living in different parts of the country ;

(b) whether foreign nationals living in the country are allowed to marry the minor girls ; if so what are the rules applicable to such persons ; and

(c) what action is taken by Government against such foreign criminals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) Accoding to liberalised visa rules, foreigners are required to register themselves with the concerned Foreigners Registration Officers if they intend to stay in India for more than 180 days at a time. According to available information, 130765 registered foreign nationals were living in India as on 1-1-91.

(b) Marriages with minor girls are prohibited under the Child Marriage Restraints Act.

(c) Action in all such cases is taken by the concerned Sate Governments under the relevant laws.

Escape by ULFA militants

2146. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that four hardcore ULFA militants escaped from Guwahati central jail on the 12th June, 1992 ;

(b) the number of ULFA militants who escaped from jails of Assam during the last one year alongwith the dates ;

(c) whether any enquiry has been held in each case ; and

(d) if so, the action taken against those found guilty so as to check the escapes from jail ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Twelve ULFA detenus have escaped from Assam Jails during the last one year, as per the details given below :—

No. of ULFA detenus	Date of Escapes
2	8-3-91
1	14-6-91
5	25-6-91
4	12-6-92

(c) and (d) Yes Sir, Two officials were dismissed and several other officials of different ranks were suspended.

Allotment of land to ex-servicemen in Great Nicobar

2147. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he and the Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration received representations in April, 1992 through Members of Parliament from some widows of ex-servicemen from Hoshiarpur district in Punjab, who were allotted land in Great Nicobar in the Sixties, urging the Government to ensure the possession of the allotted land to the concerned widows and to let them know the present status of the land ;

(b) if so, the action taken by him and the Chief Secretary, Andaman Nicobar thereon ; and

and (c) by when the possession of the land and other information in this regard are likely to be provided ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) One representation from the widow of an ex-serviceman of Hoshiarpur district of Punjab was forwarded to the Home Ministry by the Hon'ble MP recently. The said representation was looked into and the position has been explained to the Member.

(c) Since the widow of the concerned ex-serviceman has not made any application for mutation of the land allotted to her husband in Great Nicobar under the Rehabilitation Scheme of Government of India, as is required under Land Revenue Rules in force in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the question of bringing any change in the ownership status of the land in question does not arise. However, as per revenue record, concerned land still stands in the name of the concerned ex-serviceman.

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विदेश यात्राओं पर किया गया व्यय

2149. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ सीम अफजल** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान केन्द्रीय मंत्रियों की सरकारी विदेश यात्राओं पर सरकार द्वारा कितना व्यय किया गया; और

(ख) चालू वर्ष के दौरान आज तक संसद सदस्यों की सरकार द्वारा प्रायोजित विदेश यात्राओं पर कितना व्यय किया गया है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम. एम. जैकब) : (क) वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान केन्द्रीय मंत्रियों की सरकारी विदेश यात्राओं पर 5.26 करोड़ रुपए व्यय हुए।

(ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Capacity of Tihar Jail

2150. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total capacity of the Tihar Jail and the number of inmates who are languishing there as on date; and

(b) the steps Government have taken for Jail reforms ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) The number of prisoners in Tihar Jail was 7601 as on 22-7-1992 as against its capacity of 2219.

(b) The steps taken for jail reforms *inter-alia* include :—

(1) The capacity of the Jail is being increased by about 1500 by constructing 2 more jails and adding additional barracks to the existing jails.

(2) Segregation of prisoners on the basis of age, sex, and gravity of offences has been carried out.

(3) The convicts lodged in Tihar Jail are given vocational training in carpentary, moulding, weaving & tailoring etc.